

U-2 file

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Mr. Donald Baker
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Dear Mr. Baker,

In accordance with agreement reached between yourself, members of my staff and CIA/OSA on 3 February 1969, some U-2 main camera photography of the snow basin areas in Western United States has been accomplished in support of a special ESSA snow survey study. It is my understanding it will greatly facilitate your use of this film if it can be utilized as unclassified material. It is currently classified SECRET/NO FOREIGN. The only classified aspects of the U-2 product are the format and quality of the original photography and the platform from which it was taken. You are authorized to release selected cropped and enlarged photography on an unclassified basis by observing the following procedures. Cropping should remove any titling or fiducial marks and source description should be confined to "high-altitude photography". The original negative and duplicate positives or negatives or contact prints should, of course, continue to carry the SECRET/NO FOREIGN classification.

I have asked [] OSA, to forward the film to you with the appropriate SECRET/NO FOREIGN classification. If there are any further questions on this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or a member of my staff on code []

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Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

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